

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Hall House Survey Number: WO-475

Project: US 113 from MD 394 to Delaware State Line Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Hall House is located on a 1.28-acre lot located at the southwest intersection of US Route 113 and Pitts Road in the village of Showell, Worcester County, MD. The property, which consists of a single dwelling, is not considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places nor is it located within a National Register-eligible historic district.

The Hall House is a 2-1/2-story, three-bay frame house covered with a gable roof with a central projecting front gable. A single-story shed roof porch extends across the three bays of the front elevation and provides shelter to the central entry. Built ca. 1877, the Hall House is representative of the late 19th-century domestic architecture of the region and does not have the architectural distinctiveness necessary to qualify for listing under Criterion . The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible for listing under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Stuart Paul Dixon/Historian, Inc. for SHA

Kimberly Prothro Williams March 17, 1996
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ✓ yes no not applicable

Orlando Padgett March 27, 1996.
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/single dwelling

Known Design Source: _____

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Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Functions: Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. WO-475

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Hall House

2. Location

street & number 11633 Worcester Highway

☐ not for publication

city, town Berlin

☒ vicinity of

congressional district First

state Maryland

county Worcester

3. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Public Acquisition

☐ in process
☐ being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
☐ unoccupied
☐ work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted
☐ yes: unrestricted
☐ no

Present Use

☐ agriculture
☐ commercial
☐ educational
☐ entertainment
☐ government
☐ industrial
☐ military

☐ museum
☐ park
☒ private residence
☐ religious
☐ scientific
☐ transportation
☐ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Nancy C. Taylor and William & Christina Hall

street & number P.O. BOX 87

telephone no.: (410) 352-5642

city, town SHOWELL

state and zip code MD 21862

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. WORCESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE

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street & number 1 WEST MARKET STREET

folio

city, town SNOW HILL

state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-475

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

See Continuation Sheet

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Unknown	Builder/Architect	Unknown
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check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Continuation Sheet

9. Major Bibliographical References

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SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.28

Quadrangle name SELBYVILLE, DE-MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Hall House consists of a two-and-one-half story frame ell plan located on a 1.28 acre lot composing the southwest corner of US Route 113's (Worcester Highway) intersection with Pitts Road in the village of Showell, Worcester County, Maryland.

The Hall House possesses a brick foundation and three interior gable end chimney piles. The asphalt-shingled gable roof displays partial returns and a gable-roofed dormer centered along its main, eastern elevation facing US Route 113. Asbestos shingles serve as exterior cladding. Earlier weatherboard is visible under the asbestos shingles. A two-story, one-bay wide addition occupies the northeast portion of the ell. A one-story, shed-roofed enclosed porch extends westward along the ell's north elevation. A shed-roofed entry hood protects the west gable end's entrance.

Arched fascia boards and turned posts ornament a shed roof porch shading the east elevation. Three symmetrically-spaced bays penetrate this elevation's first story. Two-over-two wooden sash flank a centrally located panel door crowned by a transom. Three two-over-two sash occupy second story bays. The gable dormer displays a peaked-head two-over-two window.

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Associated with late nineteenth century settlement patterns in Worcester County, the Hall House, built circa 1877, documents the growth of the village of Showell following construction of the Worcester Railroad through the county and the erection of a station at the Showell crossroads. Prior to completion of the railroad, the village of Showell probably consisted of a tavern and the National Register-eligible Lemuel Showell House (WO-287). The Hall House appears on the west side of Worcester Highway on an 1877 atlas map of West Berlin District, shortly after completion of the railroad. By the early 1890s nearly 50 persons lived at the village (Touart 1994:292-94).

Containing fair integrity of location, setting and feeling, the Hall House is recommended for inclusion on the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties under Criterion A, associations with broad patterns of history. Probably erected in response to construction of the Worcester Railroad in the 1870s, the Hall House reflects the evolution of crossroads communities located at the intersection of major transportation networks during the late nineteenth century.

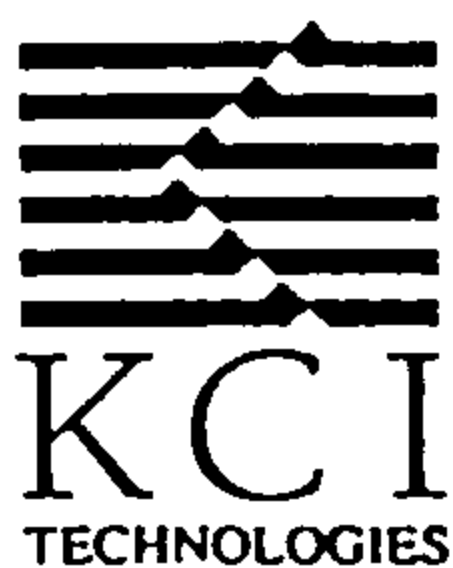
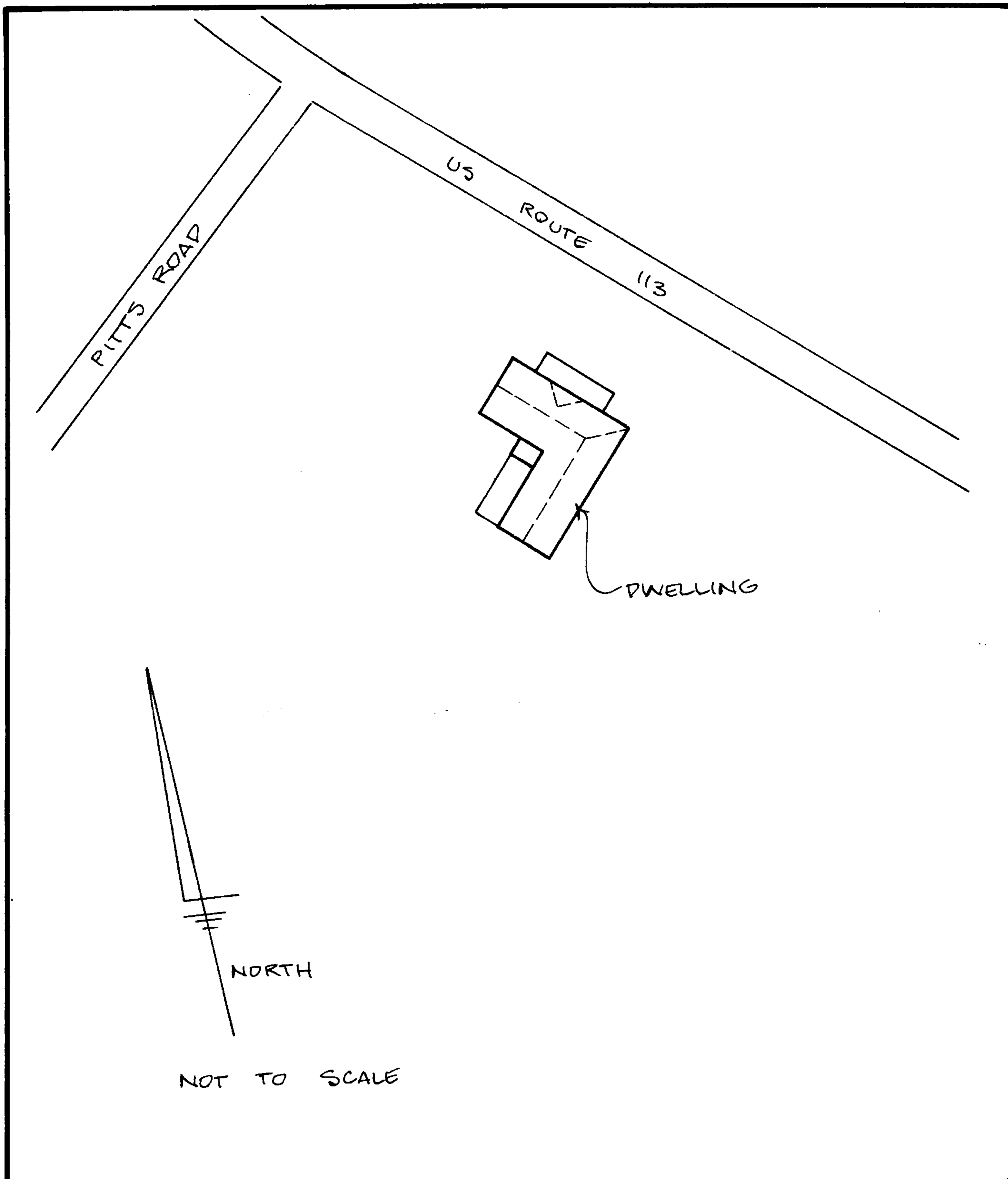
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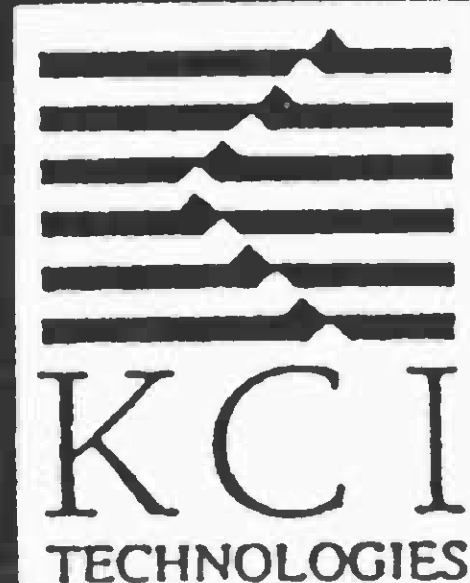


RESOURCE SKETCH MAP
Hall House (KCI-15)
North of Berlin, Worcester County, MD
Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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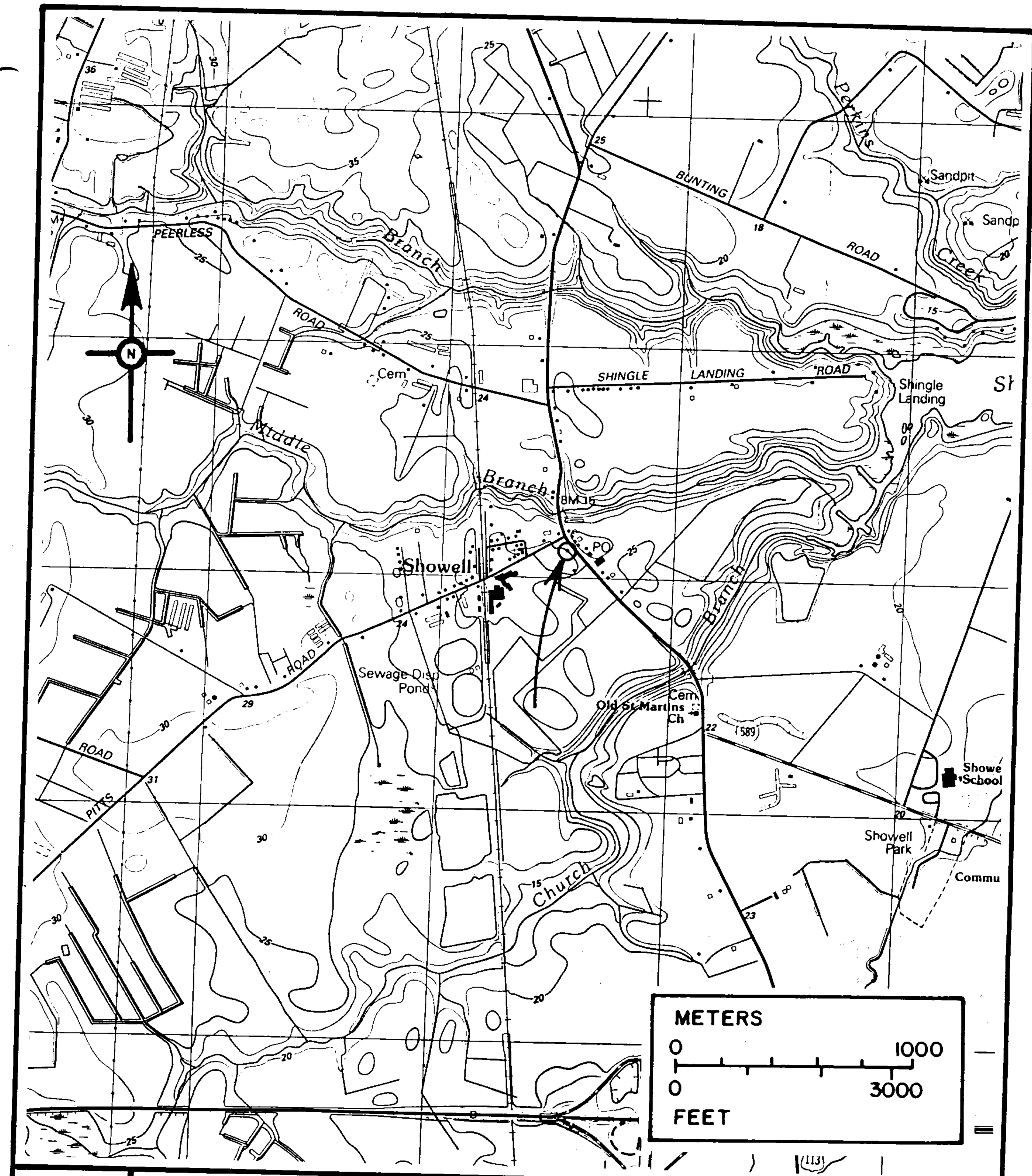


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Section of a Map of West Berlin District, from an
 Atlas Map of the Eastern Shore of Maryland (Lake et al. 1877),
 Showing the Hall House (KCI-15),
 Showell, Worcester County, MD; Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map

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LOCATIONAL MAP
 Section of the 7.5' Selbyville, DE-MD Quad Map (USGS 1992)
 Showing the Hall House (KCI-15),
 Showell, Worcester County, MD.

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WORCESTER CO, MD

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EAST & NORTH ELEVATIONS

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